



Northridge South Neighborhood Council
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
Meeting conducted via ZOOM
February 24, 2022
by Jennifer Elliott, Secretary

1) Welcoming Remarks:

- a. Call to Order and Flag Salute:** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by James Ashjian, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.
b. Board Member Roll Call: *Present:* James Ashjian, Tiffany Caldwell, Brittany Carr, Ann Dorsey, Jennifer Elliott, Jack Fitzpatrick, John Hales, Steve Slutzah, Jimmie Stewart, Scott Wright. *Excused:* Marilynn Meyer *Absent:* Kevin Kratzer
Vacant: Organizational stakeholder (two positions), Youth stakeholder

2) Discussion and Action:

- a. Discussion and Action on Minutes of January 27, 2022 Regular Meeting:** Ann Dorsey, item 7b: Change comments deadline date to March 21, 2022 from February 21, 2022. James Ashjian said to make the change. Jimmy Stewart: Change his name to read Jimmy, not Jimmie.

Kevin Kratzer arrived at 7:11 p.m.

Motion to approve the January 27, 2022 minutes as amended made by James Ashjian and seconded by Jack Fitzpatrick. Motion passed with nine "yes" votes (Ashjian, Caldwell, Carr, Dorsey, Fitzpatrick, Hales, Slutzah, Stewart, Wright) and one "no" vote (Elliott). Kevin Kratzer did not vote because he was not present for the discussion.

3) Government Reports:

- a. Public Safety Discussion and Approval of Jack Fitzpatrick and Scott Wright to be Added to Public Safety Committee:** Motion to amend agenda item to read "*Public Safety Discussion and Approval of Jack Fitzpatrick and Steve Slutzah to be Added to Public Safety Committee*" made by Tiffany Caldwell and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with eleven "yes" votes. Motion to appoint Jack Fitzpatrick and Steve Slutzah to Public Safety Committee made by James Ashjian and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with eleven "yes" votes.
b. City Council Representative (CD 12): *Sharon Bronson, Field Deputy:* NSNC was invited to a webinar on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. regarding the proposed acquisition of the Extended Stay America hotel [19325 Londerius Street] as a Project Homekey location. Councilmember Lee introduced a motion for the City Council to direct General Services and Recreation and Parks to report within 60 days with potential locations for a Los Angeles Wildlife Education and Rehabilitation Center. He also introduced a motion to allocate \$60,000 from CD 12 to the Bureau of Street Lighting to fund a pilot program to eliminate copper wire theft from CD 12 streetlights. The United Chambers of Commerce is still accepting nominations for "Inspirational Women of the San Fernando Valley". The annual "Day of the Horse" event on Saturday, April 9, 2022 is being planned. A paper shredding event is upcoming, with date TBA.
c. Government Departments/Agencies, Including Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (NEA, Lorenzo Briceno): If anyone is not receiving his e-mails, please send him your correct contact information. Applications for the new Los Angeles Youth Council are due Monday, February 28, 2022. Mariel Camilo is the new funding representative for NSNC.
d. Other Public Officials: *Victoria Dochoghlian, Government and Community Relations, CSUN:* In-person classes resumed on February 14, 2022. People can come to athletic and performance events. Over 90% of students are vaccinated against COVID-19. The food pantry is open and accepting donations.

- 4) General Public Comment:** *Stephanie Clements:* She is running for City Controller. She has been a city employee for the last 25 years and has lots of city experience and knowledge. Her website is clements4controller.com. *Mikkie Loi, LAPD Devonshire:* Our interim SLO has been called back to patrol, so no one is available to cover for Officer Patti Peteque. There is a rise in burglaries, especially of storage units. If you want to rent a storage unit, check the property for lighting and security. *Glenn Bailey:* Regarding item 5.1.b on our January 2022 regular meeting agenda, the vote by a board member who should have recused is a serious matter. He says we need conflict of interest training, and that we need to determine if there is a conflict of interest before an item is discussed or an action is taken.

5) Committee Reports:

1. Planning and Land Use Committee

a. SB 9 Resolution: The City Council took the final vote on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 (14 yes, one abstention). The draft ordinance is due in 120 days. NSNC action postponed to March 2022 meeting.

b. Status Report of Letter Sent to Magnolia Science Academy [John Hales left the meeting]: Tiffany Caldwell wrote the letter of NSNC support of their CUP [Case Number ZA 2021-9534-CU] and monument sign variance [Case Number ZA-2021-9536-ZV], which includes our board's requests for an on-site traffic management program and a letter of compliance after five years.

c. Discussion and Decision Regarding Request for CUP for 8440 Balboa Boulevard: Postponed to March 2022 meeting since the applicants are changing their CUP application from "beer and wine" to "full alcohol".

2. Public Safety

Discussion and Approval of Jack Fitzpatrick and Scott Wright to be Added to Public Safety Committee:

See item 3a.

6) Old Business:

a. Military Service Recognition Banners: Matthew Vallecilla, CD 12 Field Deputy, spoke regarding the "CD 12 Hometown Heroes" street banner program. If NSNC wants to partner with CD 12, the NSNC logo would appear in lieu of the VFW logo. Mr. Vallecilla recommends we purchase 20 banners for \$5,000, which includes hanging and display for one year. NSNC would need to seek out current service members and obtain their permission to be featured on a banner. Mr. Vallecilla asked Jack Fitzpatrick and John Hales to be point persons on this project, and they agreed. No further action.

7) New Business:

a. Approval of Monthly Expenditure Report (MER) for January 2022: Motion to approve made by James Ashjian and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with eleven "yes" votes.

b. NPG for \$5,000 for Parents/Educators/Teachers and Students in Action (PESA) Teen Court Program:

Seymour Amster, Executive Director: PESA receives referrals for various services from area schools and LAPD. When a student who commits a non-violent crime is referred to PESA, the Teen Court convenes instead of sending the student through the legal system. \$5,000 would help ten students in the NSNC area. Motion to change amount to \$1,500 made by James Ashjian and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion failed with three "yes" votes (Ashjian, Elliott, Slutzah) and eight "no" votes (Caldwell, Carr, Dorsey, Fitzpatrick, Hales, Kratzer, Stewart, Wright). Motion to grant \$5,000 request made by Brittany Carr and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion failed with three "yes" votes (Caldwell, Carr, Dorsey) and eight "no" votes (Ashjian, Elliott, Fitzpatrick, Hales, Kratzer, Slutzah, Stewart, Wright). Motion to change amount to \$2,000 made by Steve Slutzah and seconded by Tiffany Caldwell. Motion passed with ten "yes" votes (Ashjian, Caldwell, Carr, Dorsey, Elliott, Fitzpatrick, Hales, Kratzer, Slutzah, Wright) and one "no" vote (Stewart).

c. Comments to the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners Regarding Proposed Digital Communications Policy for Neighborhood Councils: Postponed to March 2022 agenda-setting meeting.

d. Bylaws Committee Recommendation to Amend Article V, Section 5: Glenn Bailey said DONE released a bylaws template. Some items are mandatory inclusions and others we can choose. NSNC should review its bylaws to see if they conform to the template. Motion to create an *ad hoc* bylaws advisory committee with James Ashjian as chair and Jennifer Elliott and Steve Slutzah as members made by Steve Slutzah and seconded by Tiffany Caldwell. Motion passed with eleven "yes" votes.

e. NSNC 2021 Inventory Approval: Motion to approve made by James Ashjian and seconded by Ann Dorsey. Motion passed with eleven "yes" votes.

8) Board Member Announcements or Comments:

John Hales reminded the Board of the LAPD Devonshire app.

1. Transportation and Public Works Items: *Tiffany Caldwell:* Council File 21-1223 regarding speed limit reductions will be discussed at the March 2022 agenda-setting meeting.

2. Budget and Finance Items: None

3. Planning and Land Use Items: *Steve Slutzah:* The Council File for the proposed conversion of the Extended Stay America hotel to a Project Homekey location is 21-0112. *Tiffany Caldwell:* Two projects are pending: 1) at 8550 North Balboa Boulevard, a CUP for beer and wine 2) at 8639 North Lindley Avenue, a zone variance for auto body repair and pain at Hi-Octane Motors.

4. Outreach and Communications Items: *Brittany Carr:* No changes

5. Budget Advocate/Budget Representative: *Glenn Bailey:* The Budget Advocates had a town hall meeting with DONE regarding budget proposals for the next fiscal year. The proposals have significant implications for NCs. For more information, go to www.budgetadvocates.org/townhall.

6. Sustainability Alliance Representative and Resilience Liaison: None

8) Future Agenda Items and Other Calendar Events: The next general meeting is Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. [via ZOOM].

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Tiffany Caldwell and seconded by Scott Wright. Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m. without a vote.